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Invention: DEXTRAN STARCH AND FLOCCULANT COMBINATION FOR IMPROVING  
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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